



Honorable Terrance Duncan
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Monterey County
P.O. Box 1819
Salinas, CA 93930

April 8, 2003

Re: Response to Monterey County Civil Grand Jury on Fluoridation of
Drinking Water in Monterey County

Dear Honorable Judge Duncan:

Please accept the following as the response from the City of King concerning the 2002 Monterey County Civil Grand Jury report specifically addressing the fluoridation of drinking water. The responses below were approved by the City council at their meeting of April 8th, 2003.

Fluoridation of Drinking Water in Monterey County

Findings:

Finding 1. Fluoridation of drinking water will provide a positive health benefit to the citizens of the County with the greatest benefit accruing to the most disadvantaged citizens.

Response: No Comment

Finding 2. With the possible exception of smaller water systems, start-up and operations costs of drinking water fluoridation are more than offset by cost avoidance in the areas of dental and general health care.

Response: No Comment

Finding 3. There are a multitude of water providers and jurisdictions within the County, and there is no coordinated advocacy program joining political leadership and health professions to implement fluoridation of drinking water.

Response: No Comment.

Recommendation:

Recommendation 3: The Cities of Carmel-by-the Sea, Del Rey Oaks, King City, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Sand City and Seaside (for areas serviced by CAL AM) which are served by private providers, seek funding and express public support for implementation of water fluoridation by their water suppliers, and establish a schedule to accomplish these goals.

Response: The City of King believes that water fluoridation is not a matter that should be decided by, or otherwise involves, local governments at this time. If and when funds are available to provide for fluoridation, this issue should be brought to the customers of the water purveyor for input.

Sincerely,


John L. Myers
Mayor



March 27, 2003

The Honorable Terrance R. Duncan
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Monterey County
P.O. Box 1819
Salinas, CA 93902

Dear the Honorable Judge Duncan:

The City of King is in the process of drafting a response to the Monterey County Civil Grand Jury 2002 Final Report. However, a copy of the report was not forwarded to our office until the middle of March, 2003; we will submit a response by the end of April, 2003.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (831) 386-5917.

Sincerely,

Keith M. Breskin
City Manager